

DX Corner for July 28th, 2026 ===== W2SRA

Some Mediumwave DX catches

July 21st

21:00 – 1290 WKBK Keene NH – news, local spots and promos – all alone on the channel, and not heard here often. 5000 watts at night, nulled in this direction.

21:30 – 1450 WKLA Ludington MI – classic hits music with bottom hour ID “Superhits KLA 92.7 and 106.3 FM” signal came up strong, but only briefly. 1Kw Nice graveyard catch!

21:40 – 1380 WNRI Woonsocket RI – talk radio, The Howie Carr Show – 18 watts at night! Not new, but not often heard, mixing with WKDM New York.

22:35 – 1230 WBLQ Westerly RI with classic hits music, // webstream, mixing with WMAJ Elmira NY with 80’s music and ID ‘Magic 106.7 & 106.9’, and WEEX Easton PA with sports talk, heard “[Fox] Sports Lehigh Valley” popping in from underneath. All 1kw.

22:45 - Saw some HD sidebands show up on the display of the Mlite-880, so I broke out the Sangean HDT-14 and with the help of a Tecsun AN-100 loop was able to get a full HD decode of:
1650 CKZW Montreal QC with foreign language contemporary music, presumed Hebrew. Still impressive to hear a weak AM skywave signal go to full fidelity audio with no noise floor at all, although I don’t miss all the interfering HD signals that used to populate the AM band.

July 23

01:35 – 1130 WDFN Detroit with ‘Black Information Network’ mixing with and occasionally up way over WBBR New York. WDFN runs 10kw at night, aimed due north from Detroit. Usually only hear this station at greyline when they are still on day power/pattern.

02:10 – 600 CFQR Montreal QC with automated classic hits, station jingle. Don’t hear this station too often down here since they are 5kw directional at night aimed away from us. Mixing it up with WICC in Connecticut and CKAT in North Bay Ontario.

02:30 – 800 WNNW Lawrence, MA with spanish language contemporary music, ID translated “Power 102.9”, mixing with CKLW Windsor ON. 244 watts ND at night. Been hearing this station more often in recent months.

All of these with the Malahit Mlite-880 and the YouLoop in Saratoga County.

Radio review update:

I will admit the Malahit Mlite-880 has been my radio of choice these past several weeks. Since I figured out how to better tweak the filtering on AM, I can adjust the bandwidth from 15khz literally down to zero. I typically run it between 3 and 4khz as that best matches the speakers tonal range. I’m not using the popular Noise Reduction feature as much as I expected, except for occasional HF dx’ing. Tuning step is easily adjusted, and the radio remembers what step you used for each band, a nice feature. Battery life seems reasonable, fit and finish is excellent, and menu navigation is easy and reasonably straight forward. This unit just feels good in hand. I dare say I regret not buying it sooner.

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In other news:

An interesting ruling recently by the FCC. A Denver area broadcaster submitted an application to provide programming to an FM translator in the non-commercial portion of the FM broadcast band, using an HD radio channel from a commercial station as the translator's primary station. While the broadcaster did specify that the programming content would be totally commercial free, the FCC rejected the application from Educational Communications of Colorado Springs. This denies the request to allow a Christian non-commercial format currently carried over an HD channel of Audacy's KQMT-FM, 99.5 in Denver to be broadcast over K213EG, 90.7 in Littleton Colorado. The FCC's response states "Regardless of the programming on KQMT-FM HD3, the authorization can not list KQMT-FM as K213EG primary station since KQMT-FM is a commercial station. We have denied this request in the past and we are in agreement that this will not change."

Here in the Albany area, there are four FM translators that are fed by various HD radio subchannels, including:

94.9 Albany which relays WJIV via WGNA-HD3

99.1 Albany which carries WQBK-HD2

99.9 Albany which carries WRVE-HD2

106.1 Albany which relays WEXT via WMHT-HD2

The Buffalo Bills has revamped their radio content distribution, announcing new affiliates for the 'Buffalo Bills Radio Network'. The teams' regular season games will be heard locally on 980 WOFX, and over in Schoharie County on WSDE 1190am/94.3fm, and 1050 WEPN for the first time in New York City, along with 20 other affiliates across New York State and Northern Pennsylvania.

Our strange scanner call report tonight takes us back a couple of Mondays, where a Thruway Authority Zone 2 dispatcher in Albany called Catskill Maintenance to advise them to go remove a pool slide from the #1 lane of Northbound I-87 near New Baltimore. And no Jock, it's wasn't occupied!

That's its for this installment of the DX corner, this is Andy W2SRA thanking Jock for presenting this week.